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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1043

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, ET

SUBJECT: STATEMENT ISSUED BY PLF FOREIGN MISSION

REF: KHARTOUM 0989 (NOTAL)

1. COPIES OF EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF ARABIC STATEMENT  
ISSUED MARCH 25 BY PLF FOREIGN MISSION IN KHARTOUM HAVE  
BEEN POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT (AF/E AND INR/DDR/RAA), ADDIS  
AND ASMARA. BRIEF SUMMARY FOLLOWS.

2. MOST OF STATEMENT DEVOTED TO PLACING BLAME ON PLF  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE (I.E., THE MILITARY WING  
INSIDE LED BY ISAIAS AFEWORK) FOR THE FAILURE TO ACHIEVE  
UNITY AMONG VARIOUS ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.  
STATEMENT ALLEGES THAT PLF FOREIGN MISSION AND ELF  
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO RECONCILE  
THEIR VIEWS IN THE INTERESTS OF ERITREAN NATIONAL UNITY,  
BUT THAT AFEWORK HAS CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO COOPERATE.  
THEREFORE, THE PLF FOREIGN MISSION "ANNOUNCES THE TERMINA-  
TION OF ITS ORGANIZATIONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PLF AND HOLD THE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF ITS POSTURE.... WE HOPE THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WILL COME BACK TO ITS SENSES AND EXPLAIN TO THE ERITREAN PEOPLE THE IDEA OF ITS MYSTERIOUS POSTURE AGAINST NATIONAL UNITY."

3. ALL FOUR SIGNERS OF THE STATEMENT ARE APPARENTLY MOSLEMS: OSMAN SALEH SABBE; MOHAMMED SAID IDRIS NAWID; OMER MOHAMMED AL-BUROG; AND TAHA MOHAMMED NUR.

4. INTERESTING SIDELIGHT IN STATEMENT IS CHARGE THAT EPMG, IN EFFORT TO PUT DOWN ERITREAN MOVEMENT, HAS BEGUN TO FORM A "FIFTH COLUMN" WHICH IS BEING TRAINED BY FORTY ISRAELI EXPERTS IN GUERRILLA WARFARE IN THE HAWASH AREA. BREWER

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